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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Class Deviation—Peer Reviews of Contracts for Supplies and Services

Effective immediately, Defense Pricing and Contracting (DPC) will no longer conduct peer reviews for competitive procurements above \$1 billion, as required by Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 201.170(a)(1)(i), except for procurements of major defense acquisition programs above \$1 billion for which the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (USD(A&S)) is the milestone decision authority and USD(A&S) special interest programs. DPC may conduct peer reviews upon request by a military department, defense agency, or DoD field activity.

In addition, DPC will no longer conduct postaward peer reviews for acquisitions for services with a total estimated value greater than \$1 billion as required by DFARS 201.170(a)(1)(iii). DoD independent management reviews of contracts for services in accordance with section 808 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Pub. L. 110-181) are still required; therefore, military departments, defense agencies, and DoD field activities shall establish procedures for periodic independent management reviews of contracts for services consistent with section 808.

Ongoing competitive procurements that had been covered by the requirement to conduct peer reviews, and have undergone one or more phases of peer reviews, need not undergo peer reviews associated with any remaining phases, unless they are Acquisition Category (ACAT) 1D programs or specifically requested by the cognizant contracting office.

The requirement for noncompetitive peer reviews remains unchanged.

This class deviation remains in effect until incorporated in the DFARS, or otherwise rescinded. My point of contact for noncompetitive peer reviews is Mr. Mark Gomersall, mark.r.gomersall.civ@mail.mil. My point of contact for other peer reviews is Mr. Michael Pelkey, michael.f.pelkey.civ@mail.mil.

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